



ARBUTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Michelle P. Feeney, Principal

5525 Shelbourne Road, Arbutus, MD 21227

August 15, 2022

Dear Arbutus Middle School Families,

Happy last two weeks of summer! We hope you have enjoyed the sunny days and had many opportunities to relax with friends and family. We are excited to begin a new school year at AMS and have been preparing to meet our Eagles on August 29, 2022. We are also looking forward to meeting our incoming 6th graders and students and families who are new to the AMS community. We will have a special orientation day for them on Thursday, August 25. The school bell schedule is 8:20 am-12:20 pm on this day.

This Back-to-School mailing includes student homerooms and other important information such as **emergency contact sheets, PTA Welcome letter, supply list, and health forms** to help your child begin this school year. All forms should be completed and returned to school with your child for delivery to his or her homeroom teacher during the first week of school. For the latest updates on COVID mitigation procedures, please visit the BCPS website.

Current student schedules can be viewed in FOCUS at this time. We will provide students with a hard copy of their entire schedule when they arrive to school. Teachers will direct students to homerooms on their first day and review schedules with their students.

Opening day for students is **Monday, August 29, 2022**. Students should arrive with fully charged Chromebooks and chargers. Doors open at 8:10am. Students arriving earlier will wait outside at their designated front entrance until the 8:10 bell. (6th grade – music doors, 7th grade – main doors, 8th grade – gym doors). Staff will be on duty to assist students during arrival by 8:05am and during dismissal times. Our school day begins promptly at **8:20am and ends at 3:05pm**.

At the beginning of the day, students will proceed directly to their combined first period/homeroom class. Our “Grab and Go Breakfast” will be available for students as they enter the building. Students with scheduling questions will be assisted during homeroom time. It is important that students arrive to school on time, so they do not miss the beginning of their first period class. Teachers begin instruction by 8:20am. At the end of the school day, all students dismiss at 3:05pm to the front or back exit to catch buses. Car riders should be picked up in the back lot. Walkers may exit out front or out back.

Important: The safety of all students and staff in Baltimore County Public Schools is of utmost importance. Our procedures for student pick-up and dismissal are in place to ensure the safety of all students. Staff members assist in directing traffic for arrival and dismissal. Please follow their guidance. Car riding families should proceed with caution in the front and back lots.

For safety reasons, ALL car riders must be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school. School personnel will be present at 8:05am to assist students with entry to the building and will be directing students during dismissal. Cars should not drop off on Shelbourne and make U-turns on this road. No cars should be present in the bus loop or in the designated bus area out back during arrival or dismissal. We thank all our AMS families for their cooperation and assistance with arrival and dismissal safety protocol.

Students are assigned to the following staff members for support and guidance this year:

Grade 6

Administrators in Charge –Perry Warren, Counselor - Kathy Gardner

Grade 7

Assistant Principal Lynetta Parker, Counselor - Liz Burton

Grade 8

Assistant Principal Monique Owens, Counselor – Taylor Edwards

Additional School Security and Safety

We ask that families update all student emergency contacts. Anyone who comes to pick up a child must be listed on the contact form. Please make sure all emails are updated and correct as administrators will periodically send email messages and updates to our families through School Messenger.

ALL visitors must show ID upon entering the building through the front doors. No visitors will be allowed to come in through the back of the building.

Stay Connected with Us

We welcome to our returning PTA president, **Mrs. Jill Kneisl**. We look forward to working with Mrs. Kneisl and the new members of our AMS PTA Board. More information about how to join our PTA is included in this summer mailing. Please consider joining!

Our AMS **Back-to-School Night** will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. More information will be forthcoming about this evening.

Where to find additional AMS News:

Follow us on Twitter for the latest AMS news at: @ArbutusMS
Arbutus Middle School Facebook page
Arbutus Middle School PTA Facebook page

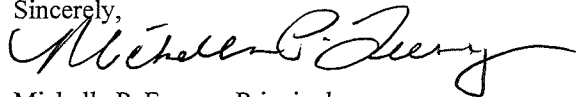
Our school website also has important and useful information for our families such as an updated school supply list, a guided tour of AMS, and our bell schedule for 2022-23.

Please contact us if you have any questions at (443) 809-1402. Our school secretaries are:

Emily Derrenberger - Front Office
Matthew Moser – Front Office
Krista Wallman – Guidance and Student Records
Doris Creek – Administrative Secretary

We are looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,



Michelle P. Feeney, Principal